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## Rewald gag order on CIA to be challenged by ACLU

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The Hawaii chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is challenging a federal judge's order prohibiting embattled businessman Ronald Rewald and others from discussing matters relating to the Central Intelligence Agency.

The ACLU is asking permission to join in Rewald's federal cases to contest federal Judge Martin Pence's ruling last September.

According to volunteer ACLU attorney David Turk, Pence's order prohibits Rewald or any person connected with the case from discussing anything concerning the CIA, even if the information was obtained

through media reports or unclassified documents.

"We feel that's an unfair restraint under the First Amendment," Turk said.

Turk also said Pence's order may affect Rewald's defense against criminal theft charges in state courts.

Turk said the ACLU was asked to join the case by attorney William Harrison in behalf of Rewald.

Pence scheduled a hearing on Turk's request for March 13.

Rewald was released Monday from state prison on \$140,000 bond on theft counts accusing him of stealing money from two investors of his bankrupt company, Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham and Wong.